

The amount of advance to a jute grower will depend upon acreage under cultivation.

Foreign Exchange involved in the visit to Foreign Countries

6221. SHRI R. N. RAKESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding his visits to foreign countries along with his officials during the last three months; and

(b) what was the purpose of the visits and how much foreign exchange has been involved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) During the last three months, the Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation accompanied by the following officials visited Singapore and Australia (Sydney) from 9th January, 1981 to 17th January, 1981:

(i) Shri K. K. Srivastava, Director General of Tourism;

(ii) Shri H. S. Gupte, Dy. Director General (Publicity); and

(iii) Shri K. C. Dandona, 1st P.A. to Minister.

(b) The purpose of the visit was to attend a meeting in Sydney in which the working of 'Operation Australasia' for promotion of tourism to India from the major overseas tourist markets was reviewed. The total foreign exchange involved on the deputation was approximately worth Rs. 24,674/-

Wholesale price index of Raw Cotton and cotton cloth

6222. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the average wholesale price index during 1980 of raw cotton and cotton cloth (mill) after the Nexus

Committee Report has been given effect to; and

(b) the percentage increase or decrease of 1980 wholesale price index compared to 1977, 1978 and 1979?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN):

(a) The average wholesale price index during the calendar year 1980 for raw cotton and cotton cloth (Mill) was 169.7 (provisional) and 205.1 (provisional) respectively.

(b) The percentage increase or decrease of 1980 wholesale price index compared to 1977, 1978 and 1979 for raw cotton and cotton cloth (Mill) was as under:—

	Raw Cotton	Cotton Cloth (Mill)
Percentage change in 1980 over 1979	- 3.2	+ 8.6
1980 over 1978	- 1.9	+ 12.4
1980 over 1977	- 15.5	+ 16.4

Renovation of Tutorial Airfield in Mizoram

6223. DR. R. ROTHUAMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up at hand renovating and improvement of the construction of Tutorial Airfield for the current Third Level Air Service in Mizoram;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, any alternative step to introduce Third Level Air Service in Mizoram; and

(d) when the Third Level Air Service is proposed to be operated in Mizoram?